

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Takahiro Fujiyama et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1625
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Application No.: 10/594,156)	Examiner: Charanjit Aulakh
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Filed: September 26, 2006)	Confirmation No.: 8939
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For: NOVEL COMPOUND AND)	
ORGANIC ELECTRONIC DEVICE)	
USING THE SAME)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/UNITY OF INVENTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction/unity of invention requirement set forth in the Official Action dated April 30, 2009, applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group II which is described on page 2 of the Action as involving part of claims 1-7 and relating to a tetracyclic ring structure represented by the compounds illustrated on page 46 of the specification. This election is made with traverse since the compounds share a common structural formula of formula (1) that is a polycyclic, nitrogen-containing compound that is bonded through the nitrogen atoms and which has a common functionality as an electron transporting material.

Supporting applicants' position is the understanding that the art is sufficiently developed so that the Examiner will have no difficulty in examining the claims in their present form. This understanding is reflected in the statement in the International Search Report that the claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee.

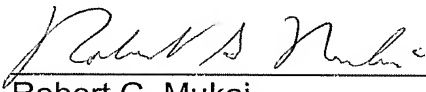
Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the requirement and to examine the full scope of the claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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